

ANOTHER SOAP AT LAVIGNE'S BELT

The "Kid" Whips Connolly in Eleven Rounds.

HARD FIGHT ALL THE WAY

Canadian's Seconds Throw Up the Sponge After Their Man Had Made a Game Battle.

Another soap dangles from "Kid" Lavigne's belt—another soap man gone down in defeat proves his right to the title of lightweight champion of the world. Three thousand sports saw Lavigne meet and defeat Eddie Connolly of St. John, N. B., in the ring of the Broadway Athletic Club in this city last night. There were eleven rounds of fighting. When the going sounded for the twelfth Connolly was assisted to his feet. Although still groggy from the punishment he received in the eleventh, he started to walk to the center of the ring, where Lavigne was awaiting him. As he did so he reeled like a drunken man, and his seconds, realizing that he was beaten beyond all hope, refused to allow him to proceed.

The fight was not a one-sided one by any means, but there never was a moment when the result seemed to be in doubt. Connolly fought fast and cleverly. He used both hands well. He fought his man all the time. He never "backed up"—never let get out of the way or to evade his man, except by throwing his head to one side or by ducking. Lavigne himself paid high compliment to him as he jumped out of the ring.

WELL DESERVED TRIBUTE.

"He's a fighter," he said, "I never met a better man." The tribute was well deserved. No man who has met Lavigne fought him as Connolly did. The others, and there are some good men on his list, always tried to keep away from him. They went into the ring merely to stay with him. Connolly went in to fight him. He was not afraid of him. He fought him as he never had been fought before. He met the champion on his own ground, and, although defeated, he won and received the admiration and applause of the spectators for his gallant fight.

It was 10.30 when the men entered the ring to fight twenty-five rounds at 133 pounds for the lightweight championship of the world. Lavigne weighed 135 pounds in the afternoon. Lavigne scaled 133 pounds, striped, and Connolly in his underclothes, making the limit exactly. The latter had won his right to a fight with the champion when he practically defeated Dick Burke, the champion of England in ten rounds. Notwithstanding this, a few of the sports were prepared to back him against Lavigne.

They wanted 2 to 1 for their money, and got, considerable money being placed at these figures last night.

When Connolly stripped in the ring last night his appearance impressed the sports favorably. He was long and thin. He looked undeveloped, and by the side of his shorter and sturdier opponent he appeared to be almost a child. He was a delicate and determined fighter. He made a game battle.

Both were well looked after. Sam Fitzpatrick, Benny Murphy, Jim Ryan and Tom Tracy were in the champion's corner. Jim Ryan, Joe Kelly, Joe Kelly, and Smith and Dick Tracy were behind Connolly.

NO TIME LEFT.

There was no delay in getting to work. Lavigne started out to pursue his old tactics of long range swings, but Connolly met him so cleverly and heavily when he tried to get in that he abandoned the rushing swings, and went to close quarters. He pounded Connolly on the body for ten rounds. When the latter came up for the eleventh he was weakling rapidly. Just after the opening of the round Lavigne sent his right across to the jaw knocking his opponent down. Connolly got up instantly. He reeled, but he was not when again he was felled. While he was on the ground Lavigne rushed upon him and struck him.

There was a cry of "Foul!" but as the blow plainly was unintentional the referee did not heed the claim. Five times Connolly was knocked down, and the sports arose as quickly as he had been felled. He still retained his feet the fifth time, but when the corner saw the tide of the fight rather than walked to his corner, and the cheers of the crowd. That settled the fight. Connolly was weak and could go no further, and his seconds threw up the sponge at the opening of the twelfth round.

SPORTS WHO LOOKED ON.

Among those who witnessed the contest were James R. Keene, H. De Courcy Forbes, ex-Congressman Tom Johnson and his brother Al, Phil Dwyer, the Kellys, "Smiling Johnnie," "Honest John" and "Himie the Gray." Bob Hilliard, Tony Pastor, Mattie Corbett, "Conan" Kessler, Sam Seltzer, Tom Sullivan and his cousin Tim, the Assemblyman, Sheriff Butting of Kings County, Ed Kearney, Charles Evans, Mattie Clune, Ned Sloane, screened by a "doctor," Patrick Keenan, Alvin Pinkel, Marcus Mayer and Arthur Moore.

There was a red hot preliminary, which lasted every spectator, and the referee, his wife and many to the chair, while all shouted enthusiastic hurrahs. The principals were George Ryan of Milwaukee and Lon Napier, both of Cleveland. They weighed in at 154 pounds and agreed to go ten rounds. Ryan had the better of it in the first three rounds, and the tide of the fight changed and Beckwith punched his man all over the ring. In the second round he knocked him down, but he was not up and fought fast to the end of the round. In the eighth he found Beckwith with left and right swings on the jaw and scored a clean knockout.

FIGHT BY ROUNDS.

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First Round—Connolly led for the jaw but was wide, and had to take a counter on the jaw. Each landed heavily on the head with his right. They countered hard. Lavigne drove his left to the eye and staggered his man with a right. He ducked and was met with a right uppercut. He followed with a left and right on the ribs. They came together in a clinch, and sharp fighting followed. Both fought hard and furiously, and the tide of the fight changed and they were sent to their corners.

Second Round—They came up smiling. Lavigne tried with his left, but Connolly evaded the blow cleverly, and went to the champion's body. Lavigne got home on the body, mixed with his left and right with a stiff right on the ear. Connolly ducked out of the way of a vicious swing and punched Lavigne hard in the kidneys. Connolly hooked his man hard with the left in the mouth. They countered hard and fought fast at short range.

Third Round—Connolly was sent to his feet by a left. He followed him with a right in the jaw. He followed him to the ropes and tried for a knockout, but was

met with a straight left and right uppercut. Connolly landed a hard smash on the face. Lavigne staggered him with a left on the head and fouled him like a dog. Connolly went down before his onslaught. He got up in four seconds, straightened Lavigne up with his right smash and fouled fast to the close.

Fourth Round—Connolly came up apparently strong, but he was not so strong as he had been and danced away from wind. Connolly half-hooked Lavigne on the nose and right on the head. He was not so strong as he had been and danced away from wind. Connolly fought fast with one arm free. Lavigne drove his left into the wind. Connolly getting to the forehead heavily. More short-arm work followed. There was a hard exchange just as the round rounded. The pace was terrific and plainly was telling upon Connolly.

Fifth Round—They met in the center. There were a pair of harmless exchanges. They got to short arm, both doing good execution with the left. Connolly sent a straight left to the mouth. The Kid reeled him, but could not get to him. Connolly dashed in with a hard left on the jaw that staggered the Kid, and won cheers from the crowd. In another mix-up Connolly missed with his left, but Lavigne jolted him. Lavigne drove his left into Connolly's nose, drawing the blood in a stream. Connolly rushed in and landed two right hands that almost felled the Kid. The latter came back with a rush. Connolly was willing and fought fast. The crowd and Honors were at their best in this round.

LAVIGNE'S SLASHING RIGHT.

Sixth Round—Connolly tried with his left, but Lavigne ducked out of the way. Both missed, Connolly upcutting the "Kid" in the face as the latter ducked. Lavigne rushed in with a slashing right, the jaw. Connolly rapped his left into the wind, the Kid retaliating with right and left. They mixed it up at close quarters. The Kid hit Connolly's nose with his right. Connolly right on the ear as he came, and they fought with one hand free. Connolly using the other to keep his face and body, while the Kid did likewise.

Seventh Round—The Kid began with a left on the face. He came in with an other left, but Connolly cleverly ducked and caught him on the heart with a straight right. Connolly almost caught the Kid, but he was not so strong as he had been and danced away from wind. Connolly fought fast with one arm free. Lavigne drove his left into Connolly's nose, drawing the blood in a stream. Connolly rushed in and landed two right hands that almost felled the Kid. The latter came back with a rush. Connolly was willing and fought fast. The crowd and Honors were at their best in this round.

Eighth Round—Connolly threw his head aside quickly and neatly evaded a wicked straight left. He blocked the Kid's left lead and drove a hard right into the wind. There was some sharp short-arm work. Right in the center of the ring, the Kid struck his lips. They countered hard. The Kid followed his lead with a right in the mouth. Connolly rushed in and landed two right hands that almost felled the Kid. The latter came back with a rush. Connolly was willing and fought fast. The crowd and Honors were at their best in this round.

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Eleventh Round—Lavigne went at his man with right and left. Connolly showed that he still was dangerous by retaliating with left and right. The Kid told him with a right. He got up instantly. Four times more the Kid felled him and unthinkingly would have knocked him down the sixth time, but that the round ended. Connolly got up instantly every time he was knocked down, and the sports arose as quickly as he had been felled. He still retained his feet the fifth time, but when the corner saw the tide of the fight rather than walked to his corner, and the cheers of the crowd. That settled the fight. Connolly was weak and could go no further, and his seconds threw up the sponge at the opening of the twelfth round.

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Washington and Boston Break Even—Cleveland Worm Turns in St. Louis—Colonels Win.

RESULTS OF YESTERDAY'S GAMES.

Baltimore, 5; New York, 3.
Philadelphia, 6; Brooklyn, 2.
Washington, 3; Boston, 3.
Louisville, 3; Chicago, 2.
Cleveland, 12; St. Louis, 4.

STANDING THE CLUBS.

Club	W.	L.	Per Cent.
Philadelphia	7	1	87.5
Baltimore	7	1	87.5
Chicago	7	1	87.5
Cleveland	7	1	87.5
St. Louis	7	1	87.5
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LEAGUE GAMES TO-DAY.

New York in Baltimore.
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Boston in Washington.
Chicago in Louisville.
Pittsburgh in Cincinnati.
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BALTIMORE, Md., April 30.—Bill Joyce and his cohorts went down again to-day before the Orioles. The game at times looked close, but in reality the champions won much as they pleased. Hooper pitched effectively, and being backed up by fine fielding, the Giants secured a victory. The score: Baltimore, 5; New York, 3.

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